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TO: Department of State
Attention: Mr. A. W. Khajian
Office of Investigations
Refugee Relief Program

FROM: Deputy Director, Plans

SUBJECT: DEVA, Xhafer aka DEVA, Djafer Ibrahim
or XHAFER, Ibrahim or XHAVER, Abraham

1. Reference is made to your SI memorandum IRP/Control No. Naples 44694, dated 24 January 1956, subject as above, whose name you desired checked against the files of this office.

2. The files of this office contain the following information regarding Xhafer DEVA, the subject of your request.

3. According to a usually reliable source, Xhafer DEVA was known to be pro-German during World War II, and had served as Minister of the Interior in Albania during the German occupation of that country. It was reported that he had used this position to perpetrate extreme brutalities against the National Liberation Movement, Communist led movement in Albania during the war. According to the source, DEVA had led in the fight against Tito and Albanian Communist partisans in the period 1942-1944 and, as a leader of the Albanian Kossova groups, had been known as violently anti-Yugoslav (TITO) as well as anti-Communist. Xhafer DEVA was known to be one of the founders and leaders of the Second League of Pristina, an organization formed to unite all Kossovers for the defense of Kossova against the Slavs. According to the source, DEVA was considered to be a single-minded anti-Communist Nationalist who, as an independent Albanian political personality in exile in Italy since the war, had been motivated by purely patriotic considerations.

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